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55th ECG holds first ever dining out at D-M

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 55th Electronic Combat Group helped develop and nurture Airmen by hosting a dining out Friday at the Pima Air and Space Museum.

The theme of the 55th ECG's first dining out was "Duty, Honor and Country."

Events from the evening included a cocktail and social hour; posting of the colors by D-M's honor guard; a tribute to prisoners of war and troops missing in action; speeches by Brig. Gen. John Koziol, 55th Wing commander, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., and Col. David Sammons, 55th ECG commander; and more. The 55th ECG is a tenant unit at Davis-Monthan, but is based at Offutt Air Force Base.

Dining outs can help bring units together.

"When all of our squadrons can get together as a 'group,' it gives everyone an opportunity to get to know each other in other than just a work environment," said Master Sgt. Fred Lopez, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron first sergeant.

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Photo by Airman First Class Jesse Shipps

Luau

Dancers from the Tucson Polynesian Community perform an authentic Samoan ceremony at Bama Park Friday. In this ceremony, the tribal chief's daughter makes tea out of roots and water. The Luau was open to the entire Davis-Monthan community and offered authentic Asian Pacific food and exotic dances in order to help celebrate May as National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. For more information see **D-M honors Asian Pacific Americans with Luau**, more, Page 15.

Officials focus on safety as 101 Critical Days kicks off

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

As the country kicks off the 101 Critical Days of Summer this weekend, Airmen and their families are reminded of the dangers the season brings.

According to statistics gathered around the Air Force during past years, the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is a period of increased off-duty injuries caused by increased activity and risk taking.

"During fiscal 2004, Air Combat Command lost 11 Airmen," said Michael Barnes, 355th Wing Ground Safety manager. "Four were to private

motor vehicle mishaps with one from D-M, four were to motorcycle mishaps, again with one from D-M, and three were to sport and recreation mishaps."

"Last year, two Davis-Monthan Airmen lost their lives during this time," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "Over the last three years, we've had 40 serious off-duty accidents. Without question, summer is a time of great fun, but also requires us to take steps to prevent a senseless tragedy and the loss of life."

In order to help avoid misfortune, the base has adopted an 'Airmen Supporting Airmen' approach. "I challenge all Airmen on the Desert Lightning

Team to plan, implement and execute personal risk management that seeks to avoid or mitigate the hazards of summer recreation and travel," Colonel Spencer said. "To execute the 'Airmen Supporting Airmen' campaign, I expect commanders and supervisors at all levels to make a daily commitment to reinforce safe summer practices."

In addition, the base safety office will provide a summer safety topic for role calls to help increase knowledge and awareness regarding summer dangers.

The focus on summer safety topics kicked off

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The May Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of Monday

| Squadron | Required | Flown | Annual | Squadron | Required | Flown | Annual |
|----------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|
| 41st ECS | 1,459.6 | 845.1 | 2,449.2 | 162nd OSB | 1,428.1 | 1,485.1 | 2,135.0 |
| 43rd ECS | 1,484.1 | 1,443.8 | 2,350.8 | 354th FS | 7,285.9 | 7,160.5 | 11,296.5 |
| 55th RQS | 1,836.5 | 1,749.4 | 2,880.0 | 357th FS | 5,694.0 | 5,706.7 | 8,966.0 |
| 79th RQS | 1,102.4 | 1,062.7 | 1,604.4 | 358th FS | 5,676.0 | 5,771.5 | 8,948.0 |

Click it or Ticket kicks off

The 355th Security Forces Squadron has joined the national campaign, Click it or Ticket. The campaign runs through Memorial Day weekend. A zero tolerance policy for speeding, seatbelt use and non-hands free cell phone use will be strictly enforced.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Ponte

Jeff Halstead (right) of the Davis-Monthan Family Support Center presents Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, with a check for \$1.8 million. The total is symbolic of the amount volunteers have saved the base.

Staying safe critical this summer season

By Lt. Gen. Mark Schmidt
12th Air Force commander

Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer and our "101 Critical Days of Summer," campaign which runs through Labor Day.

I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy summer's fun outdoor

activities, water sports and vacationing. However, as you plan recreational activities I ask you to think through the potential dangers that come with those activities. Use common sense, followed by the excellent risk management techniques we've been taught in the Air Force.

Set the example, confront risky behavior and poor judgment head-on. If you see or perceive a ques-

tionable situation, I expect you to be a leader and step in as needed. Don't be the person standing at a memorial service asking yourself why you didn't intervene.

Looking the other way when your buddy gets in the car or boat after drinking too much alcohol isn't being a buddy at all. Showing off on a motorcycle, or just being too fatigued to drive, are other areas where a buddy can step in and stop a potential accident.

A lone Airman cannot survive in combat for long. The same holds for life; be there for each other, especially when one of us "misplaces" our judgment.

Since 2002 the Air Force has averaged 33 fatal accidents per summer and 12th Air Force can claim three of these as their own. During last year's "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign Davis-Monthan Air Force Base unfortunately sustained two fatalities and 15 total mishaps.

My goal for "zero mishaps" is achievable only if you take the time to know the Airmen next to you — their hobbies, interests and risky behaviors. Commanders and supervisors at every level must stay abreast of what their people are doing this summer and take appropriate action to mitigate risk or, if

necessary, simply stop the activity.

It comes down to each of us being personally responsible and applying sound risk management techniques in our day-to-day activities both on- and off-duty.

It is vital to the well-being of our Airmen and our organization that we complete the "101 Days" with no serious accidents. Let's get out there and have a fun and safe summer.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information.

Agency numbers

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|---|----------|
| AAFES Agencies..... | 228-3904 |
| Accounting and Finance..... | 228-4964 |
| Chaplain..... | 228-5411 |
| Civil Engineering..... | 228-3401 |
| Clinic..... | 228-2930 |
| Commissary..... | 228-3116 |
| Family Support..... | 228-5690 |
| Fitness and Sports Center..... | 228-0022 |
| Haefner Fitness Center..... | 228-3714 |
| Housing Office..... | 228-3687 |
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| Public Affairs..... | 228-3204 |
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| Services..... | 228-5596 |
| Transportation..... | 228-3584 |

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 355th Services Squadron offers a full range of military and community support programs for the D-M community. Programs such as dining facilities, libraries and fitness centers directly support the unit readiness mission by providing a physically and mentally fit force. Other services

programs support overall military readiness and preparedness as they provide for the basic needs of Air Force people in a hostile or contingency environment. Their community service programs support the family unit and contribute to individual social development and enjoyment. Finally, the family support and quality-of-life initiatives help attract, and more importantly, retain a quality force.

The squadron is comprised of five flights: resource management, combat support, family member support, business operations and community support.

Senior Airman Samantha Bustraan, 355th Services Squadron, prepares liver steaks for a recent meal at Davis-Monthan's Desert Inn dining facility. The dining facility is one of many functions the 355th SVS is responsible for.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

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Photos by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Base hosts D-M 50 and guests

Top: Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander presents his commander's coin to Jim Click for his contributions to D-M during the DM-50 dinner.

Right: (Left to right) Staff Sgt. Eric Shaw, 55th Rescue Squadron, shows Tom Zlaket and Jim Ronstadt, both of the DM-50, the HH-60 Friday. The wing hosted members of the DM-50 and their guests to orient them to the base. The DM-50 is a civic leader group that strengthens community partnerships between D-M and the City of Tucson.



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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at
850-2233

Friday and Saturday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. AADD volunteers provide rides.



Emergency Numbers

Ambulance.....911
Casualty Assistance.....228-3686
(After duty hours).....228-3121
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Mortuary Officer.....228-5964 or 4414
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Command Post.....228-7400
355th Security Forces Crime Stop.....228-4444
Safety.....228-5558
(After duty hours).....909-0316
Base locator.....228-3347
TIPS Line.....228-TIPS (8477)

News Notes

Housing office closure

The housing office will close Friday for Air Combat Command's family day. For emergencies, call housing maintenance at 228-8600.

Civilians need myPay

Civilian hardcopy Leave and Earning Statements will end Monday. Any member who needs to establish a myPay account can self register at <http://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay/> or stop by the finance office and receive a temporary PIN.

Parking lot at Inn to close

Reconstruction of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Inns Lodging Facility, Building 2350 parking lot will begin Tuesday. For more information, call the Inn's Lodging Facility Office at 228-1500.

Home buying workshop

The Housing Office will sponsor a Home Buying Workshop June 7 from 8 to 11 a.m. Mortgage, real estate and title company representatives will discuss the home buying process. The mortgage company will also discuss a program only for first-time home buyers. For reservations, call Tina West at 228-5548.

Pima Air and Space Museum

The Pima Air and Space Museum offers military ID card holders free admission Monday. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 6000 E. Valencia Road. For more information, call 574-0462.

Claims for or against estate

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Senior Airman Ryan K. Blalock, deceased, assigned to 563rd Maintenance Squadron, should contact 1st Lt. Shaun M. McGowan, the Summary Court Officer, at 228-2136.

BX Closing

In preparation for the opening of the new Base Exchange, the old facility will close permanently Wednesday.

Correction

The *Desert Airman* May 20 edition "Congratulations Davis-Monthan major selectees" misidentified Capt. Gilberto Vazquez and excluded Capt. Eric Trismen from the list. Both major selectees are assigned to the 612th Air Support Squadron.

Terrorism history

June 3, 1989, the Chinese People's Liberation Army killed hundreds of Chinese civilians in the Tiananmen Square area beginning on the evening of June 3 and on into June 4 during a violent crackdown against student dissidents.



Photos by Chris Sweeney

Tech. Sgt. Jeimmy Bermudez, 355th Services Squadron, rows his team's boat, the Lock Ness, Friday during the Cardboard Boat Race.



Members of the D-M community participate in the Cardboard Boat Race at the D-M Outdoor Recreational Pool Friday at the kick off of 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety.

Summer

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early this year with the Base Safety Day and Cardboard Boat Race May 20. The goal of the day was to combine fun and facts to help personnel focus on the risks during the days to come.

Safety topics throughout the rest of the summer include automobile safety, seat belts, heat stress, recreational safety, motorcycle safety, fire-work safety, flash floods, driving fatigue and more.

But Davis-Monthan will not be the only organization helping Airmen and their family members focus on safety this summer. In fact, there are organizations outside the base fence line, like the Jim Click Automotive

Team, who are also doing their part.

Until Labor Day, active-duty personnel at D-M and those in the Reserves and National Guard who have orders to support the Global War on Terrorism can receive free maintenance at Jim Click. This includes oil, lube, tire rotation, brake checks, battery service and more as long as the car can be serviced by one of their dealerships including Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda, Hyundai, Dodge, Nissan, Chrysler or Jeep. For more information regarding the program, the military community can call Jim Click at 884-4100, 625-8262 or 747-2000.

Community support of the base has been fantastic, said Lt. Col. John Massee, 355th Wing chief of safety. "Programs like this are a tremendous asset for the base."



Airman Joseph Baldasano, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, struggles to row faster than other participants in the Cardboard Boat Race Friday.

According to Colonel Massee, programs like the free maintenance at Jim Click will help keep Airmen and their families safe this summer.

"This time of year offers special holiday events, summer activities and travel opportunities," Mr. Barnes said. "Everyone needs to appreciate the distractions and risks associated with these activities and keep focused on what they are doing. We have lost too many friends, relatives and Air Force family members not to heed the warnings."

"Statistically and historically, our Airmen between 18 and 26 years of

age are at the greatest risk," Colonel Spencer said. "These same Airmen are also a vital resource — they're enthusiastic, full of energy and have great ideas. But, make no mistake, no one is immune from making a mistake that can be painful or fatal."

Mr. Barnes echoed Colonel Spencer's sentiments.

"Remember this summer you are not invincible," Mr. Barnes said. "Think before you act. Make safety a daily lifestyle and enjoy the summer. Safety today will ensure you live to play tomorrow."

Banquet —

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"It gives the young troops a glimpse of what being a part of a military family is all about. We are passing down tradition when we have events such as this. A dining out shows that 'teams' not only work hard together; they play hard together too."

General Koziol served as the guest speaker for the event. He spoke about the importance of families in today's military.

Families make sacrifices that keep troops secure and focused on the Global War on Terrorism, General Koziol said. Airmen are busy supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and because of their duties to their country, Airmen often miss important family events.

General Koziol also spoke about the effect Airmen are having in their deployed locations.

Though it sometimes might seem like U.S. forces aren't having a positive impact, they are, General Koziol said. Two countries have held free democratic elections for the first time with the support of troops. American troops are also helping rebuild schools and libraries in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

"General Koziol's assessment of the importance of families to our Airmen is right on," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "Families are integral to the success of our Airmen, whether they are deployed halfway around the world or here at D-M."

The parents of Tucson-native Army PFC Sam Huff, 170th Military Police Company, who gave her life supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, were honored at the event.

"I felt proud to have them with us," Sergeant Lopez said. "I know they felt the camaraderie within the sister services."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Brig. Gen. John Koziol, 55th Wing commander, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., speaks at the 55th Electronic Combat Group dining out Friday. General Koziol's comments reflected on the impact and sacrifices made by the military family as well as 55th ECG contributions in the Global War on Terrorism.

CRIME & Punishment

Davis-Monthan Articles 15 May 16 through 20.

(Editor's Note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Judge Advocate's Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The offender's commander considers several different factors when determining punishment including: The offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale. These all have impact on the resulting punishment for each offense.)

◆ A senior airman from 755th Operations Support Squadron received a reduction to Airman and a reprimand for **making a false official statement on an Air Force Form 988, Leave Request/Authorization, and for making several**

false official statements to superiors. These were violations of Article 107 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman from the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeitures of \$100 pay and 15 days extra duty for **failing to report for duty.** This was a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

◆ A technical sergeant from the 354th Fighter Squadron received a reduction to staff sergeant and a reprimand for **failing to properly secure a classified vault, failing to identify a "grounding" item and "pencil whipping" a checklist.** These were violations of Articles 92 and 107 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman from the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a reduction to airman basic, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for **possessing an unspecified amount of a Schedule II controlled substance.** This was a violation of Article 112 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman basic from the 355th LRS was **dis-**

charged with an Under Other Than Honorable Conditions service characterization for **Drug Abuse**, supported by a Special Court-Martial conviction.

◆ An airman from the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron was **discharged** with a General service characterization for **Minor Disciplinary Infractions**, supported by one Article 15, two Letters of Reprimand, one Letter of Counseling and three Records of Individual Counseling.

◆ An airman first class from the 357th Fighter Squadron was **discharged** with a General service characterization for **Minor Disciplinary Infractions**, supported by two Article 15s, two Letters of Reprimand and two Letters of Counseling.

Area Defense Counsel tip of the week

An enlisted member may request that the jury at his/her court martial contain at least one third enlisted members. If you have questions, please contact the Area Defense Counsel at 228-5664.



A C-130 Hercules, assigned to the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, is parked on the airfield at Karshi-Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, April 4, 2005. After blowing a tire causing damage to the right rear wheel well, a new tire was put on it prior to a one-time flight to K-2 to receive depot maintenance.

POP!

D-M Airmen help keep mission going

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
416th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — A C-130 with the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron received significant structural damage when its right-rear main tire blew out while landing at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, recently.

The tire came apart and damaged the wheel well area behind it as the aircraft rolled down the runway, said Lt. Col. Mike Lynch, 416th Air Expeditionary Group deputy commander for maintenance.

"By the time the aircraft stopped, there was a 2-by-3-foot hole where there used to be fuel lines and wiring," he said.

With the extensive damage, the C-130 was grounded at Bagram until officials planned a way to move it here. That called for creative measures.

"First thing we had to do was get the aircraft to a flyable condition where we could get it to a repair facility," Colonel Lynch said. "This meant we had to literally hack off the damaged portions that could have possibly come off in flight."

Structural engineers at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., approved a one-time flight with the gear down and also approved the temporary repair advanced

by structural Airmen here, Colonel Lynch said.

Once they landed here, the structural repair Airmen went to work.

"My initial reaction to the work that had to be done on the aircraft was pretty overwhelming," said Master Sgt. William Stuhr who is deployed from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. "There was a hole in the airplane big enough to throw a queen-size bed through and a pile of junked parts weighing (more than) 150 pounds."

But within 30 days, the Airmen made more than two dozen damaged or missing brackets and fittings by hand, said Staff Sgt. Sean Burger who is deployed from Elmendorf. They also made two new metal skins and spliced into the existing structure of the C-130 that was not damaged.

"This was not an easy task considering the equipment we have (here) for this kind of work," he said.

The Airmen worked between 350 and 400 hours to get the aircraft fixed, said Staff Sgt. Charlie Anderson who is deployed from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Colonel Lynch said doing this work was a "very unusual repair."

"The type of repair that was required would normally be done by a depot team with a full back-



SOUTHWEST ASIA — It took about a month for C-130 Hercules maintainers here to repair significant structural damage normally requiring a stateside depot team with full access to back shop structural support.

shop structural repair facility to back them up," he said. "Since we are a forward-operating location, we have only a minimal back shop. All components were fabricated by hand using hand tools and small portable shop equipment.

"We were fortunate to have some very skilled structural repair and metals technicians with us on this particular rotation who were capable of performing this extensive repair with the bare minimum back shop capability," Colonel Lynch said.

"This repair reaffirmed my belief of 'where there's a will, there's a way,'" Sergeant Stuhr said.

New housing

D-M Airman shares excitement as new house goes up

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

A housing project valued at approximately \$19.4 million is underway at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to build 93 new homes with a scheduled move-in date for some Airmen as early as October.

The new houses being constructed will be larger than the current homes servicemembers are living in.

"The junior NCO square feet range from 1,740 in 3-bedroom houses to 2,220 in 4-bedroom, gross square feet," said Ruby Modica, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron housing manager. "Senior NCO houses range from 2,050 3-bedroom to 2,600 4-bedroom, gross square feet."

But beyond the added space, the new homes will have additional features.

"They will all have two-car garages, modern kitchens (some will have islands) and ample interior and exterior storage," Ms. Modica said.

The new housing project is a large-scale construction job that is going to take some time. Not all servicemembers will be available to move into the new housing right away. However, there is a long-term plan that will enable those Airmen and

their families that aren't able to move in to the new housing right away to get moved into replacement or renovated housing as part of Air Force wide housing privatization.

"We will move people off of our waiting list (into the new units), some Sonoran Vista residents (a must move to renovate 40 units), some residents will move out of the old Palo Verde houses and some will move from Kachina," Ms. Modica said. "We are trying to be fair when it comes to moving residents. Of course not everyone will be able to move into the new houses, but all of our houses are scheduled for renovation or replacement under privatization."

According to Ms. Modica, the houses on Davis-Monthan that were built in 1996 and 2000 will be renovated.

One of the families moving into the housing is Airman 1st Class Ramiro Villalobos, of the 55th Rescue Squadron, his wife Amber and their 16-month-old son Gabe. Their new daughter, Natalie, is expected in July.

"We are extremely excited (to move in) because it is a great opportunity for us to live in a house no one has lived in before," Airman Villalobos said. "We are looking forward to setting up our children's rooms."

Airman Villalobos said the new homes will have a direct impact on his family and their morale and happiness.

"One of the reasons I cross-trained into the Air Force was because I knew that the quality of life for my family is better than other services," he said. "The Air Force seems to put family at a higher level of priority."

Airman Villalobos said he was happy to find out that new housing had also been reserved for the junior ranks.

"We are very happy to see that rank (is) no issue in this housing project. It shows all Airmen (E1-E4) the Air Force is going to take care of you and your family without any reservations," he said.

Ms. Modica said the new houses are just another way D-M is working to develop and nurture its Airmen.

"New houses are important because we need to improve the standard of living for our military members," Ms. Modica said. "This is a new era; we are expecting more from our military members so it is only fair for us to improve their living environment by modernizing our houses to today's standards. And that is exactly what the government is trying to do for all of our military members."

New exchange opens doors to the base

By Staff Sgt. Troy Hawkes
355th Wing Public Affairs

"When is the new Base Exchange going to open?"

That question has resonated off the walls of possibly every building on base. The answer is Thursday at 8 a.m.

Quality projects take time to complete. While construction of the new BX took quite a bit of time, the differences between the new and old BX are massive, according to Darryl Porter, general manager of the BX.

The new building's retail space is 111,000 square feet; as opposed to the old one, which is 37,000, Mr. Porter said.

But all that room won't go to waste. It is being used to bring a better shopping experience to the BX customers.

"The larger retail area of the BX will have wider aisles and will enable the Army and Air Force Exchange Service to expand their selection," Mr. Por-

ter said. "In the new building, the BX is able to expand its stock in every category and also offer new brands. The stock at the current BX is limited because of space constraints."

The new BX will cater to not only the tastes of bargain hunters, but burger hunters as well.

"It will have many additional features, including a 500-seat food court that will accommodate almost any appetite," Mr. Porter said.

In addition to a state-of-the-art food court, the new BX also features a nail salon, a beauty salon, a gift shop, a larger barber shop with 12 chairs, the 355th Medical Group satellite pharmacy, an optical shop staffed by an optician, a dry cleaners, a laundry, a shipping store, a coffee shop, a cellular phone store, a car rental agency and a larger military clothing sales store. It will also host a variety of rotating concessions.

Military members get the benefit of shopping at the new BX, but they didn't have to pay for it. The \$19 million cost of the new facility was completely subsidized by AAFES.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

The new base exchange, scheduled to open Thursday, will feature 111,000 square feet of retail space. The increased space will allow for patrons to shop for clothes, hardware, electronics and more under one roof.



Davis-Monthan's new base exchange will feature a new sporting goods section that is 2,200 square feet larger than what is currently offered.



A view of the food court at Davis-Monthan's new base exchange. The court will seat 500 people and vendors will include Taco John's, Popeyes Chicken, Charley's Steakery, Anthony's Pizza, Robin Hood Deli and a Baskin Robbins ice cream shoppe. A Starbucks Coffee Shop is also scheduled to open at a later date.

Making a difference

Members from D-M volunteer time to improve base

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

With a little bit of paint, time and a lot of heart, members from the Davis-Monthan community have been able to give the nursery at the Desert Dove Chapel what they felt was a much needed face-lift.

"The Chapel does so much for the D-M community, we figured stepping up and making it a better place was the least we could do in return," said Deanna Phillips, Officers' Spouses Club Charitable chairperson.

Beyond donating their time, the OSC also put out the word for help across the base and Airmen from the 612th Combat Plans Squadron answered that call.

"The Airmen who stepped forward to help out with this project were excited to get out there and give back to their community," said Lt. Col. James Murray, 612th CPS commander. "The nursery needed to be rejuvenated and these Airmen wanted to be a part of that. They are dedicated folks who wanted to make an impact with this project."

According to Ms. Phillips, all of the furniture and toys were removed from the nursery so a fresh coat of paint could be added to the walls.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Angela Borum

(Above) Maj. Frank Yannuzzi (left) and Airman 1st Class Darin Carson, 612th Combat Plans Squadron, work to assemble new furniture recently donated to the nursery at the Desert Dove Chapel.

(Right) Maj. Robert Cavin, 612th Combat Plans Squadron, cleans and reassembles toys at the nursery.

Then, each piece of equipment was cleaned and evaluated. Broken toys were thrown away and older items were donated to places like the Airman's Attic.

The OSC also donated new items like furniture to help complete the remodel project.





Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hobbs of the 358th Fighter Squadron. Sergeant Hobbs is the assistant NCO in charge of life support. According to his first sergeant, Master Sgt. Kurt Larsen, Sergeant Hobbs was nominated for the award because of his, "professional attitude and outstanding appearance."

The following are Sergeant Hobbs' responses to a variety of questions.

If you were the base commander, what would you change? I think I would implement a shadow program like the one we currently have, but not to shadow the commander — I would have us shadow each other. There are so many jobs in the Air Force and I don't have any idea of what they do or how they play a role in our daily operations. I think that has a two-sided purpose; we would learn each others' jobs and we also might get a chance to see a job we are excellent for and might be good for us. I believe this might help us keep our people around more than first or second term.

Why did you join the Air Force? I wanted to have a career and get a chance to travel overseas to see other ways of life I might not get to see otherwise.

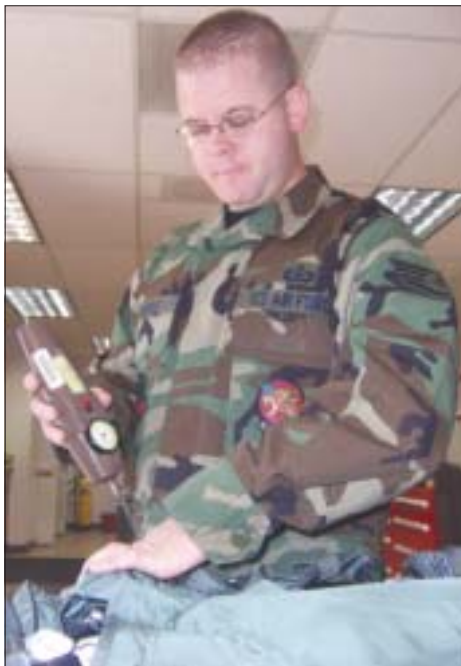


Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Members of D-M family selected for Who's Who

Congratulations to the following members of the Davis-Monthan family who were selected as Who's Who in American Junior Colleges for 2005. These individuals competed against college students across the nation for publication as part of the Who's Who legacy. They were selected based on academic achievement, service to community, leadership in extracurricular activities as well as potential for continued success.

Senior Airman Mir Ali, 563rd Maintenance Squadron; **Kylee Bard**, spouse of Senior Airman David Bard, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Holly Flannery**, spouse of retired Tech. Sgt. Ronald Flannery; **Alejandrina Henriquez**, formerly 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Tech. Sgt. David Sublette**, 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 11; **Staff Sgt. Travis Tinerno**, 355th Communications Squadron; and **Senior Airman Aaron Tissot**, 612th Combat Operations Squadron.

Final Answer What is your most memorable moment in the Air Force?



**Senior Master Sgt.
Brenda Ives**
12th Air Force

"I attended the 50th Anniversary Recognition of Women Air Service Pilots. What struck me most was the vitality of these women who are now in their 70s and 80s."



**Airman 1st Class
Carl Kimmel**
355th Communications Squadron

"My most memorable experience in the Air Force was going to Kuwait and experiencing the different culture."



**Major
David Lajoie**
612th Combat Operations Squadron

"Winning the coveted Top Gun Award for my A-10 readiness training unit class and having my dad (a 21-year Air Force vet) and mom at my pilot-training wings pin-on ceremony."



Chris Sweeney
355th Services Squadron

"Meeting Donna, my beautiful wife of 20 years, at a small radar base in New Jersey, Gibbsboro Air Force Station and getting her dad's approval to marry her; he was my first sergeant!"



**Staff Sgt.
Leigh Salinas**
12th Air Force

"My most memorable experience in the Air Force was finding out I made staff sergeant on the same day my daughter was born."



**Master Sgt.
Dayne Taylor**
355th Mission Support Squadron

"My most memorable moment was when I made master sergeant. It was my career goal to make E-7."



Photos by Airman 1st Class Jesse Shipp

Top: James Pumarejo, J. Kim Martial Arts instructor, shows his power and strength of concentration by breaking bricks during the Dang Soo Do demonstration during the Luau Friday.

Left: Lin Alenepi from the Tucson Polynesian Community performs a traditional fire dance from the Samoan culture at Bama Park during the Asian Pacific American Heritage Association's Luau.

Aloha

D-M honors Asian Pacific Americans with Luau, more

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Davis-Monthan Asian Pacific American Heritage Association hosted a luau at Bama Park Friday in honor of the fact that May is Asian Pacific American Heritage month.

The event, which featured a Dang Soo Do Martial Arts demonstration and an Elvis impersonator as well as Thai, Hawaiian, Filipino and Tahitian dancers, was

designed to give attendees a taste of the culture.

"The event was extremely successful," said Staff Sgt. Lanay Dee, public affairs representative for APAHA. "We not only met our goal of having more than 400 people attend, but we were able to provide them with quality food and entertainment."

The APAHA will also host a car and bike show Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Base Exchange parking lot.

"This event is something we came up with a couple of years ago to get people to come out and look at each other's cars," said Staff Sgt. Wendell Robinson, 612th Air Communications Squadron and point of contact for the car show. "In addition to the cars and motorcycles, we will offer people free food with an Asian theme during the event."

According to Sergeant Robinson, anyone from the D-M community is invited to participate in the car show. In addition, everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy the festivities.

Awards will be given to first, second and third place winners for best car, truck, hot rod, classic, low rider or euro. A first place prize will also be given to the best bike. Individuals who enter a vehicle must be present in order to win.

For more information regarding the car show, call Sergeant Robinson at 228-4085, Staff Sgt. Gerald Fuchs, 612th ACOMS, at 228-6375, or Staff Sgt. Timothy Deyoung, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, at 228-3564.



Top: Children from the Halau Hula O' Leina Ala Hula Kahilo perform a traditional hula from Hawaii at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Association's Luau.

Left: An Elvis Presley impersonator performed a variety of hits, including 'Blue Hawaii' at the Luau while attendees ate a variety of authentic cuisine including pulled pork and teriyaki chicken.

Memorial Day remembrance

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command
Public Affairs

Across

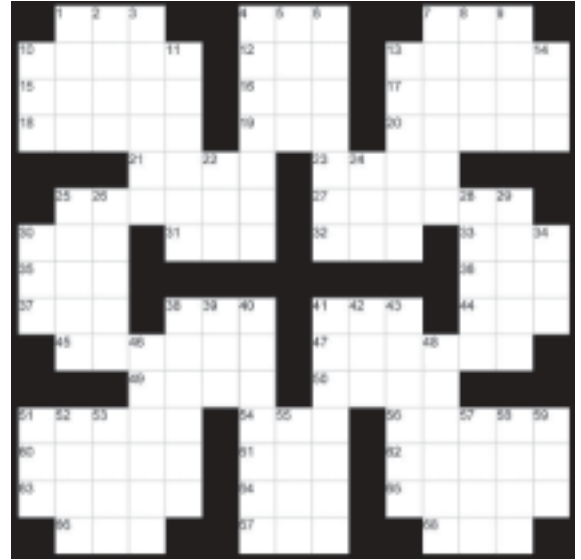
1. A-Team member
4. Everything
7. Federal org. in charge of SSNs
10. Berths
12. Memorial Day person remembered, in short
13. Outfit
15. ____ a time; single file
16. Airport screen abbrev.
17. Elvis' blue shoes
18. Mil. jargon for "understood and complying"
19. Droop
20. Father figure
21. Inventor Whitney and NY Giant Manning
23. British title
25. Memorial Day person remembered (USMC)
27. Memorial Day person remembered (USN)
30. Memorial Day person remembered, in short

31. Mom's opposite
32. Took a load off
33. Feline
35. Simpson trial judge
36. Compass dir.
37. Singer Torme
38. Sis' sibling
41. Center of the system
44. Alias, in brief
45. Killer
47. Tear-producing vegetables
49. Apple music machine, in short
50. Crime clue
51. Extreme
54. Terminate
56. Waited for right opportunity
60. Joints
61. Profit, in short
62. Hate
63. Held the world on his shoulders
64. Before, poetically
65. European monies
66. Fisherman's TV station, in short
67. Org. concerned with patriotic heritage

68. Rep.'s congressional counterpart

Down

1. Skirt type
2. Spool
3. Ammunition type
4. Hoarded
5. Italian currency, once
6. Gift
7. Gale
8. Lard
9. General's helper
10. Memorial Day person remembered, in short
11. Jaded
13. ____ de corps
14. Each
22. ____ hurry; rushing
24. Auto club
25. Boundaries
26. Isle
28. Pacific or Atlantic
29. A1C, SSgt, MSgt, Lt, Col, etc.
30. Vigor
34. Brewed beverage
38. Circumvent
39. Rock band ____ Speedwagon



(The solutions for this puzzle are located on page 27.)

40. Commanded
41. Memorial Day person remembered (USA)
42. Count off starter
43. Inclined
46. Memorial Day person remembered (USAF)
48. Hateful
51. Stars & Stripes country
52. Actor Jared
53. Lanky
55. Singer Jones
57. Challenge
58. British school
59. Federal org. established after 9/11



Photos by Chris Sweeney

(Above) Lisa Martinez, Aragon Chiropractic, gives Helen O'Connor, spouse of retired Lt. Col. Anthony O'Connor, a massage during the Services Expo.

(Right) 1st Lt. James Parker, 355th Services Squadron and 2004 Air Force Male Athlete of the Year, discusses the benefits of the Air Force Sports and Athletics program with a group of D-M Airmen.



Services hosts expo to help D-M community stay 'Fit to Fight'

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 355th Services Squadron hosted an expo at Davis-Monthan's Fitness and Sports Center Friday.

According to staff at the 355th SVS, the focus of Friday's event was not only to bring awareness to the fact that May is Fitness Month, but to promote fitness and health activities as lifelong goals.

Events like the Services Expo help Airmen stay committed to a healthy lifestyle by educating them on a variety of health and fitness programs, said Chris Sweeney, 355th SVS Marketing publicist.

Included in Friday's event were booths main-

tained by individuals ready to help attendees become more fit including an Air Force Athletics representative. In addition, the event featured several demonstrations to generate interest in the wide range of programs available.

"By providing demonstrations like Pilates Class, we hope to keep people focused on health and fitness," Mr. Sweeney said. "We hope that the demonstrations and contact with sponsors will help motivate members to participate in regular fitness programs. These programs will help get Airmen ready and fit to fight."

Airmen check out one of the booths featuring a variety of health products during the Services Expo hosted by the 355th Services Squadron. The Services Expo was held at the Fitness and Sports Center Friday.



Sports Shorts

Cochise Stronghold hike

Cochise Stronghold is located in Arizona's Dragoon Mountains. This six-mile hike through woodland areas is Saturday. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and a guide. Those interested should sign up today. For more information regarding the hike or upcoming Outdoor Recreation trips, call 228-3736.

Police Week tournament

Congratulations to the winners of the 355th Security Forces National Police Week Golf Tournament. Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group, led his team of Office of Special Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents to victory with a score of nine under par. There were no strings or mulligans allowed

in this tournament. In addition, Staff Sgt. Mike Jalbert, 355th SFS, scored a hole in one on hole number 2 which is a 150 yard par 3. Security forces wishes to thank all participants and looks forward to expanding this tournament into a must-play annual event.

Swim Team

The Desert Lightning Swim Team would like to invite children and young adults ages 5 to 17 years to join D-M's Southern Arizona Aquatic Association swim team. The D-M Outdoor Recreation Pool staff is looking for swimmers of all levels who love to swim and wouldn't mind competing against other local SAAA swim teams. There is a \$30 registration fee and a \$15 SAAA fee for insurance. The registration forms and fees

should be turned into the outdoor pool no later than Tuesday. Suits, swim caps and other equipment is not included in the registration fee. Swim meets will be on Tuesday and Thursday and are mostly away meets. For full details and additional information regarding practices and swim meet dates and times, call 228-3759.

Sidewinders tickets

The entire Davis-Monthan community is invited to attend a Sidewinder's Baseball game Sunday at 6 p.m. at Tucson Electric Park. The stadium is located at 2500 East Ajo Way. With a military ID, individuals can get tickets for up to five people for \$1 per person. In addition, attendees can also take advantage of \$1 hot dogs. For more information, visit www.tucsonsidewinders.com.

Sports Shorts

2005 pool season info

Hours of operation during the summer season for recreational swim and open swim are Monday from noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult and family swim are Monday through Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. The hours for lap-swim are Monday through Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. Daily fees are \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children over the age of 2 years and \$3 for Davis-Monthan guests. There is no fee for children under 2 years or for lap swim.

In addition, the cost of season passes at D-M have changed and are now determined by rank. Summer season passes are good from now until Aug. 31. Family passes for E-1 to E-4, GS-1 to GS-3 and NF-1 are \$20; for O-1 to O-2, E-5 to E-7, GS-4 to GS-8 and NF-2 to NF-3 are \$50; O-3 to O-5, E-8 to E-9; GS-9 to GS-11 and NF-4 are \$65; and O-6 and up, GS-12 and up and NF-5 and up are \$75. An individual

pass is now \$20 and there is no cost for dorm residents. Dorm residents can receive a pass from their first sergeant. Those who already paid the higher fee and are eligible for a lower priced pass may contact Connie Knoob at 228-3736 or visit Outdoor Recreation in Building 4430 after 8:30 a.m. for a refund. All refunds must be made at ODR. Those who purchased a pass for less than the current prices are not obligated to pay the difference.

Scorpion Football, Cheer

The 2005 Scorpion Football and Cheer season is fast approaching. Those who are interested in participating can sign up any Saturday in May, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Palo Verde Park. Those who sign up by the end of May will receive a \$20 discount for tackle and cheer and a \$10 discount for flag. For more information, visit www.scorpions.tyfsf.com or contact Niki Swindle at 207-9013.

Scuba Diving Lessons

The Davis-Monthan community is invited to come out and gain confidence by learning to SCUBA dive June 11 and 12. The classes

will be conducted at the base pool. The cost of the lessons is \$85. The price includes all instruction materials and equipment. Those who are interested need to sign up for the class and pay by close of business June 5. To sign up, or for more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 228-3736.

Waterworld Water Park

The D-M community is invited to take a safari to Waterworld Water Park June 18. The park has attractions for every age group on its 25 acres. The cost of the trip is \$20 and includes transportation. Those interested should sign up by June 16. For more information, call 228-3736.

Hook Up 2 Bowling

The D-M Lanes is taking sign ups for the new Hook Up 2 Bowling program, a new player development program designed to help make learning the game simpler, fun and affordable. Classes are scheduled to begin June 1. The cost is \$99 for adults and \$69 for youth and includes eight hours instruction and on-the lanes lessons. Everyone who completes the program will receive a free towel, bowling ball and bag.

For more information regarding the program, call 228-3461.

Intramurals

The following scores are provided by the Fitness and Sports Center and are current as of May 16. For more information, call 228-0022.

Monday/Wednesday

| Team | W-L-T |
|---------|-------|
| SFS | 7-1-0 |
| 12 AF 1 | 7-1-0 |
| CES | 5-1-0 |
| EMS | 5-3-0 |
| LRS | 3-3-0 |
| CS | 3-3-0 |
| 25 OWS | 3-4-0 |
| AMARC | 2-4-0 |
| CONS | 2-5-0 |
| MDG | 1-4-0 |
| 563 RQS | 1-5-0 |
| 355 OSS | 0-0-0 |
| CMS 2 | 0-5-0 |

Tuesday/Thursday

| Team | W-L-T |
|----------|-------|
| 355 AMXS | 5-0-0 |
| CMS 1 | 4-1-0 |
| 755 AMXS | 3-2-0 |
| 755 OSS | 2-2-0 |
| DECA | 2-2-0 |
| 12 AF 2 | 2-2-0 |
| 563 MXS | 1-3-0 |
| Chiefs | 1-3-0 |
| WOMEN'S | 0-5-0 |

Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapels are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is also at 11:15 a.m. but at Desert Dove Chapel.

Education Services

Air War College seminar

The AWC Nonresident Program is soliciting eligible officers and federal employees for the seminar program. This program is open to active-duty, National Guard and Reserve O-5 selectees or above of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces and Department of Defense civilian employees (GS-13 or above). Online enrollment is required, indicating your preference for group learning. To enroll, visit <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awc-ns.htm> and click on the Student Information System link to begin the enrollment process. Students should enroll and complete the online elective by July 15. For more information contact Phil King at 228-3812, Norma White at 228-4229 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

VEAP contributions

Military members who want to make a lump sum contribution to their Veterans Educational Assistance Program account can mail their check to DFAS-ATDT/DE, P.O. Box 173659, Denver, Colo. 80217. This is a new address. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

Duquesne University

Duquesne University's School of Leadership and Professional Advancement, which offers accelerated bachelor's and master's degrees online, has recently launched Learning-on-the-Go, allowing military members to use Personal Desk Assistants to support their online course work. The PDAs are given to students at no charge, providing they complete 18 credits with the Duquesne University. For more information visit www.leadership.duq.edu/mil.

Certification programs

Available funded pilot programs currently offered through Defense Activity for Nontraditional Educational Support include the Federal Communications Commission Licensure examinations and Microsoft Certification exam. For complete information, application and proce-



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dures, visit www.dantes.doded.mil and click on certification programs. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Family Support Center

Hearts Apart Day at the zoo

If your spouse is deployed, then call the Family Support Center and sign up for a Day at Reid Park Zoo. Those who sign up for the event and are registered with the Hearts Apart group should meet at the entrance of the zoo Saturday no later than 10 a.m. so the Family Support Center can provide admittance. Reservations are required no later than Friday. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Time For Tots

The next Time for Tots will be held Wednesday and June 8 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

Resume, Interview workshops

These workshops are June 3 at the Family Support Center and cover the basic information to help individuals prepare for their next job. The Resume Workshop is from 9 to 11 a.m. and the Interview Workshop is from noon to 2 p.m. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Pre-separation Counseling

This mandatory class for departing Airmen will take place at the Family Support Center June 7 from 9 to 10 a.m. This class will acquaint Airmen with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be

Keeping kids safe

To help ensure parents know how to properly install car seats, Davis-Monthan offers a Child Safety Seat course. In order to promote the importance of the course, organizations like the DM-50, Officers' Spouses' Club, Enlisted Spouses Association and Carondelet Health Network have donated more than 100 child safety seats and 400 booster seats for members of the D-M community. The donated seats are expected to supply the course throughout the rest of the year. For more information regarding upcoming classes, or to sign up for a car seat, call 228-4333.

Peter Delillo, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, works with Jacen Shreve, son of Kimberly and Staff Sgt. James Shreve, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, to show the importance of car seats and booster seats for children under a certain weight. This was part of a Child Safety Seat course held at Davis-Monthan.

scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Happenings

JROTC instructors needed

The Air Force is in need of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructors as it is opening 48 new JROTC units in high schools in 21 states. The new units will be ready for cadets at the beginning of the 2005 to 2006 school year. To meet the expansion goal, the Air Force needs a total of 35 officers and 60 NCOs to serve in the new units. They are looking for Airmen who want to use the skills they learned and the education they received in the Air Force to prepare high school students to take their place as tomorrow's citizens. Retired Airmen interested in becoming JROTC instructors must have retired from active duty within the last five years. In some cases, the five-year requirement may be waived up to 10 years, based on the needs of the program. Airmen on active duty may apply for positions when they are within six months of their retirement date. Officers must have a bachelor's degree or higher and NCOs must have a high school diploma or equivalent, but an associate's degree or better is desirable. In the future, all applicants will need to have at least an associate's degree. For more information, call (866) 235-7862, extension 35275 or 35300 or DSN 493-5275 or 493-5300. Information is also available at www.afots.af.mil.

D-M Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the bowling alley, is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments closing at 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop will be closed during the month of July.

Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352.

Holiday hours of operation

The following are the hours of operation for the services activities which will be open over the Memorial Day Holiday. All facilities not listed will be closed Friday through Monday. The Arts and Crafts Center will be open Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Auto Skills Center will be open Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Blanchard Golf Course will be open Friday through Monday from sunrise to sunset. The Bowling Center will be open Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. The Desert Lightning Community Center will be open Friday from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon to 1 a.m. and Monday from noon to 6 p.m. Fam Camp will be open Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Family Child Care will be open Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The Fitness and Sports Center will close at 11 p.m. Thursday and will be open Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday and Monday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will open Tuesday at 4:30 a.m. Information, Tickets and Tours will be open Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Library will be open Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outdoor Recreation will be open Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Paintball

Range will be open Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The indoor pool will be open Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday and Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Outdoor Recreational Pool will be open Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult and family swim will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Lap swim will be Friday and Monday from 8 to 11 a.m. The Youth Center will be open Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. Since the Dining Facility will be closed during the Memorial Day holiday, all meal card holders will receive Basic Allowance for Subsistence.

Family Child Care

Davis-Monthan residents can start their own child care business by becoming a certified Family Child Care provider at home. The FCC providers care for children of all ages; however, there is a special need for more infant and toddler FCC providers at the present. There is little or no cost involved, and providers receive all of the guidance, support, training and information needed to be successful. Air Force guidelines define FCC as 10 hours or more of care, weekly or on a regular basis in government quarters. A FCC home has no more than six children under the age of 8 years at one time, including the provider's own children. All homes are inspected monthly, are insured and meet Department of Defense requirements for child care. Information on becoming an FCC Provider is available at the Family Child Care office. Stop by today and find out more about FCC or call

them at 228-2201. The FCC is located in Kachina Village, Building 700, on the southwest corner of Albright Boulevard and Ironwood Street.

Preschool Summer Camp

Parents can now sign up for the Davis-Monthan Preschool Summer Camp program at the D-M Child Development Center. Summer Camp sessions will be two weeks long and each will have a theme for the session. Parents can sign up for one or all of the sessions. Children will attend sessions Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. June 6 through 17 and June 20 through July 1. Fees are based on total family income and range from \$27 to \$57 per session. There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee for each session. This fee will be credited toward the tuition for the session. Children must have turned three years by Dec. 31 and must be completely potty trained. Parents need to bring shot records and a Leave and Earning Statement form to registration as well as an emergency contact person other than the parent. For more information, call 228-3336.

Computer classes

The Desert Lightning Community Center holds computer classes Monday and Wednesday each week. The classes are taught by certified Microsoft instructors. The cost for each session is \$35 and participants must be 16 years or older. Those who are interested in attending a class should sign-up and prepay at the Community Center. For more information or to set-up a class time, call 228-3717.

We're open!

During renovations at the Mirage, the Poly Bar will be open every Thursday and Friday!



The Mirage
DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB
Poly Bar

— Thursdays & Fridays —
Open from 4pm to close.
Enjoy Social Hour from 5 to 7pm.

— Fridays —
Social Hour food from
5 to 6pm, members only.

PHONE NUMBERS - Mirage

Sherry Jones Manager / Caterer 228-3100
Robert Johnson Chef 228-3100
MAIN OFFICE: 748-0660 or 228-3301
BARBER SHOP: 748-0668



PHONE NUMBERS - Desert Oasis

Sherry Jones - Club Manager: 228-3100
Rose Snapp - Admin. Assistant: 228-3100
Nan Whitshire - Cabanas Manager: 747-3234
MAIN OFFICE: 228-3100
BARBER SHOP: 748-0710
CABANAS: 747-3234



Cabanas Special every Sunday
From 4-8pm
Two 13" one topping pizzas with two 16oz sodas for \$13.95

LUNCH SPECIAL
from 10:30am-1:30pm
Cabanas June
Lunch Time Special
BBQ Brisket Sandwich
with Fries or Tossed Salad
and Soda \$5.95

May 26th - June 13th
at the Desert Oasis

June 1 & 8 - Wild About Wed!
Everyone's welcome! Drink specials & free food, 5-8pm.

May 26 & June 2 - Triple T & Mug Night
from 6-10pm. Doors open 3pm. Drink specials & music all night! Bring your mug & drafts or sodas are just \$1.50 (up to 32oz)

June 3 & 10 - T.G.I.F.
Social Hour - draft beer & drink specials, 5-7pm. Free food, 5-6pm. Doors open at 3pm. 21 & under 1/2 off soda & non alcohol drinks!

June 12 & 13 - Champagne Brunch
10am-1pm. Enjoy your favorite breakfast and lunch dishes.

Cabana's OPEN early June 4 & 5
to support the OREI Call in your orders for faster pick-up, 11am-7pm.

Now through July the Desert Oasis
will host the weekday lunch specials
while the Officers' Club undergoes renovation

\$7.85 WEEKDAY LUNCH SPECIALS!
From 1100-1300 (members receive a \$2.00 discount) To 1100-1300

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--------|---------------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| CLOSED | Chef's Choice | BBQ Buffet | Teri's Fabulous Pasta Station | Catfish buffet & Meatloaf |



